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The Security Council,

Recalling its previous resolutions and statements of its President relating to the situation in Burundi and in the Great Lakes region of Africa, in particular its resolution 1650 (2005) of 21 December 2005 and resolution 1669 (2006) of 10 April 2006,

Reaffirming its strong commitment to the sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and unity of Burundi, and recalling the importance of the principles of good-neighbourliness, non-interference and cooperation in the relations among States in the region,

Congratulating again the people of Burundi on the successful conclusion of the transitional period and the peaceful transfer of authority to a representative and democratically elected government and institutions,

Welcoming the ongoing negotiations between the Burundian Government and the Palipehutu-FNL which have been facilitated by South Africa and the Regional Peace Initiative for Burundi, and *looking forward* to the early conclusion of a comprehensive ceasefire agreement,

Bearing in mind that the current mandates of the United Nations Operation in Burundi (ONUB) and of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC) will expire on 1 July 2006 and 30 September 2006, respectively,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on ONUB dated 21 June 2006 (S/2006/429),

Noting that although there has been an improvement in the security situation since the completion of the transitional period, factors of instability remain in Burundi and in the Great Lakes region of Africa, which continue to constitute a threat to international peace and security in the region,

Acting under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations,

1. *Decides* to extend the mandate of ONUB until 31 December 2006;

2. *Decides* to extend until 30 September 2006 the authorization contained in paragraph 1 of resolution 1669 for the Secretary-General to redeploy temporarily a maximum of one infantry battalion, a military hospital and 50 military observers from ONUB to MONUC, in accordance with resolution 1669, with the intention of

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renewing such authorization according to future decisions by the Security Council concerning the renewal of the mandate of MONUC;

3. *Welcomes* the intention of the Secretary-General to establish at the end of the period mentioned in paragraph 1 above an integrated office of the United Nations in Burundi, and *looks forward* with interest, with a view to further consideration, to his proposals on structure, tasking and requisite resources in an addendum as mentioned in paragraph 79 of his report dated 21 June 2006, as well as benchmarks referred to in paragraph 66 of the report;

4. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.